

# ***TD 93/D60 - Income tax: is an employee entitled to a deduction for work-related expenses reimbursed by his or her employer?***



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## Draft Taxation Determination

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### **Income tax: is an employee entitled to a deduction for work-related expenses reimbursed by his or her employer?**

1. No. An employee is not entitled to an income tax deduction for that part of an expense that is reimbursed.
2. Where an employee is reimbursed for deductible work-related expenses and the reimbursed amount is not included in the employee's assessable income, section 51AH of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* applies to reduce the amount of the expense allowed or allowable as a deduction to the employee by the amount of the reimbursement payment. However, section 51AH does not apply to reduce a deduction for depreciation (see Draft TD 93/D59).

#### *Examples:*

1. *Employee Y is a member of a work-related professional association and pays an annual membership fee of \$200. Y's employer reimburses her for the full amount of the fee. The deductible amount of the membership fee would be reduced to nil.*
2. *Employee Z pays an annual membership fee of \$200 to a work-related professional association. Z is reimbursed \$50 of the fee by his employer. Z would be entitled to a deduction for the unreimbursed amount i.e \$150.*

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